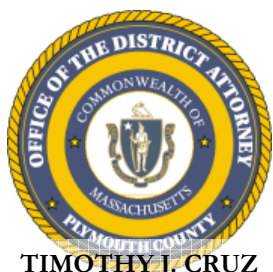


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BROCKTON, MA- Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz today announced that Michael Starks, 25 of Brockton was indicted by a Plymouth County Grand Jury for the murder of Helmae Zewdu, (DOB: 6/23/1980) on October 5, 2014. The grand jurors also returned indictments for Armed Assault with Intent to Murder, Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Threats, Carrying a Firearm, Discharging a Firearm within 500 feet of a Dwelling and Being an Armed Career Criminal with two prior serious drug offenses for the October 4, 2014 shooting at Starks' girlfriend's mother's home on Foster Street in Brockton.

Police responded after 2:30 AM on October 5, 2014, just seven hours after the Foster Street shooting, to Eagle Avenue near Cross Street in Brockton and discovered Zewdu's body with multiple fatal gunshot wounds. Ballistics evidence from the Foster Street shooting was linked to ballistics evidence from Eagle Avenue and the projectile taken from the victim's body at autopsy.

Starks is currently held without bail after his arraignment in Brockton District Court for the Foster Street shooting. No Superior Court arraignment date has been scheduled at this time.

No further information is being released at this time.

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